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Abstract

Evaluation of different Open-Source Application Performance Management tools and stacks. Testing of the tools takes places at the RSS Infrastructure (Kubernetes Cluster) and a instance of Sockshop (Microservice Webshop). The goal is to set up a Stack of different tools that is best for monitoring the RSS Infrastructure.

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FR Fehlerrate

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Nowerdays its very Common in IT to have Distributed Systems in Location all over the Globe. To be able to provide the best user Experience its important to Monitor these Networks by only few People sitting in one or more Location. Important here is the Availability and Reliability also as the Response Time of the System.

To tackle these kinds of Tasks Application Performance Management Tool were build. They are available in a wide range of Costs and Qualities. They differ a lot in their Architecture and style of tackling Problems. This is why we decided to make a Comparison of some large Open-Source tool stacks available on the Market

Thesis Structure

In the first part the Paper describes the general aspects of Monitoring and the general Metrics. The part also discusses the characteristics of the environments and their special interfaces. After the introduction the tools will be introduced on there own.

Technical Details: In this chapter all technical aspects of the Test environments and Tools will be explained. Also the Term Stack will be illustrated.

Collectors: Explains all details and methods of the client based tools.

Database: Analyzes the different types of Methods of Storing Time related Data

Visualizaion: Illustrates how time related data can be presented in general and which Visual limitation to tackle

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Alerting: Here the different Approaches and methods to inform the User/Administrator about any Problems are discussed

InfluxData: Company that was Founded 2012 and Provides a Full Stack Open-Source APM tool.

Elastic: The Elasticsearch BV provides a tool stack of APM tools. In the middle of this stack is the Elasticsearch Application which is a searching engine written in Java.

Prometheus: Prometheus is a Open-Source Tool stack for monitoring and alerting, with focus on reliability and simplicity.

Zabbix: Zabbix is an open source monitoring software for networks and applications for enterprise use

Goals

Goal of the Study is to print out the benefits and disadvantages of the popular Open-Source Tools and Stacks Available on the Market. The work wants to Illustrate the features and technologies of the tools to make it easier for the Reader to get an overview over the different Software approaches. In particular the tools will be tested in their ability to interact with modern Cloud technologies like Docker and Kubernetes. Furthermore they will be compared by their Ability to integrate in existing environments and support of common tools and Interfaces. Moreover the Cross Compatibility of the stacks will be tested to get the best out of the tool pool.

Chapter 2

General Stack

2.1. Collector

To get Data in a centralized spot a tool is needed to collect the data were its generated and transport it to the Server or provide an Interface for the Server to collect the data. Tools for this Purpose a we call Collectors. Were are Collector for every Monitoring Purpose. Its very common that a Collector provides a general interface like an XML or JSON data or can be adapted to variable Databases to get a wide spectrum of Use-Cases. The monitored metrics is dependent on the environment and the collector also has to use over tools that provides system data to get these type of metrics. In general the data that is collected can be split up in System data and Application data. System data are all physical values like CPU load, Ram and Hard Disc Drive usage. These will be provided by cAdvisor (2.1.1) in the case of Kubernetes. Application data is dependent on the application. In the Case of monitoring Kubernetes normally the number of jobs/pods or the number of connection per time will be monitored. These and over data will be provided by the Api-server(2.1.2) of Kubernetes.

2.1.1. cAdvisor

Container Advisor is tool for collection, Processing and Exporting Data of Containers. It is native Designed for Docker but can be applied to ever other container. All information about the Container is Accessible over a Rest api that gives back a JSON files with all data. A copy of cAdvisor is Deployed within every Kubernetes Pod, so every APM tool can get the metrics of the system.

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2.1.2. Api-Server

Api-Server is a tool that provides a REST interface and is a front end for the whole Kubernetes Cluster. Over the Api-Server a user is able to interact with all Components of the cluster. The Api-Server also collects metrics which are listed below.

- Aggregation Controller Queue: Used for Parallel Processing as an Middleware
- Registration Controller:

2.2. Database

The Databases for a APM are usual time-series-databases. This special kind of database, saves the data by a time stamp or a timesequence. Databases can offer two types of data providing methods. Most of the time the database provides a well defined interface which normally provides a authentication method to insert data into the database. Every of these Snapshot than gets a timestamp.

The other method is that the Database performs a get operation onto a interface provided by the Collector This sorted data can be analyzed to check if there are any anomalies, which were unknown or have changed. This anomalies are often time-dependent. E.g. at 15 pm. are 50 more people online than at 10 am.

2.3. Visualization

The Visualization Tools are used to display the data stored in the databases in a nice and organized way. This is realized with plain text or by graphs. Graphs have the big advantage to be able to display the data changes over time and can very easily illustrate spikes in the data sets. Furthermore Graphs can present data in more than one way which makes it easier for humans to detect abnormal data spikes.

Usually all this information can be accessed via a web interface as this also gives a nice option for logins and distribution of permissions. This is especially useful when the data is very sensitive. Often these tools also implement easy to use Interfaces for Alerting tools, to set conditions for specific alerts, which can save a lot of time.

2.3.1. Graphs

As previously mentioned, the data we collected from the cluster needs to be written out of the Database and displayed in a nice and readable fashion. Thus most visualization tools use graphs to display the collected data. Using graphs not only makes the data easy to read, but it also adds the option to scale the data to our needs and preferences. This can be very useful when looking for trends in a bigger time range.

It also gives the option of color coding the data, which can be useful to either see dangerous values more quickly, or simply render multiple data streams in one graph to compare them or to see them in comparison to the whole system.

2.3.2. Permission Management

Most Visualization Tools have a web interface in which all the data is displayed. To make sure only authorized people can view the data, these tools usually implement a few permission management methods. These can be ranging from simple login permissions to viewing permissions of specific data streams. Some tools allow for complete customization of the permission settings, while others offer a set of permission templates. The most popular method of authorization seems to be LDAP, as this can be used for simple and complex permission schemes alike.

LDAP

Written-out Lightweight Directory Access Protocol is a Network-protocol on a client-server basis. LDAP describes the communication between the client and the LDAP Directory. The data-structure of LDAP is the so called Directory Information Tree which is organized by one suffix(root) and nodes.

2.4. Alerting

Chapter 3

Heading on level 0 (chapter)

Hello, here is some text without a meaning. This text should show what a printed text will look like at this place. $\sin^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\beta) = 1$. If you read this text, you will get no information $E = mc^2$. Really? Is there no information? Is there a difference between this text and some nonsense like “Huardest gefburn”? Kjift – not at all! A blind text like this gives you information about the selected font, how the letters are written and an impression of the look. $\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$. This text should contain all letters of the alphabet and it should be written in of the original language. $\frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}}$. There is no need for special contents, but the length of words should match the language. $a \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{a^n b}$.

3.1. Heading on level 1 (section)

Hello, here is some text without a meaning. $d\Omega = \sin\vartheta d\vartheta d\varphi$. This text should show what a printed text will look like at this place. If you read this text, you will get no information. Really? Is there no information? Is there a difference between this text and some nonsense like “Huardest gefburn”? Kjift – not at all! A blind text like this gives you information about the selected font, how the letters are written and an impression of the look. $\sin^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\beta) = 1$. This text should contain all letters of the alphabet and it should be written in of the original language $E = mc^2$. There is no need for special contents, but the length of words should match the language. $\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$.

3.1.1. Heading on level 2 (subsection)

Hello, here is some text without a meaning. $\frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}}$. This text should show what a printed text will look like at this place. $a \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{a^n b}$. If you read this text, you will get

3. Heading on level 0 (chapter)

no information. $d\Omega = \sin \vartheta d\vartheta d\varphi$. Really? Is there no information? Is there a difference between this text and some nonsense like “Huardest gefburn”? Kjift – not at all! A blind text like this gives you information about the selected font, how the letters are written and an impression of the look. This text should contain all letters of the alphabet and it should be written in of the original language. There is no need for special contents, but the length of words should match the language. $\sin^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\beta) = 1$.

Heading on level 3 (subsubsection)

Hello, here is some text without a meaning $E = mc^2$. This text should show what a printed text will look like at this place. $\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$. If you read this text, you will get no information. $\frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}}$. Really? Is there no information? Is there a difference between this text and some nonsense like “Huardest gefburn”? Kjift – not at all! A blind text like this gives you information about the selected font, how the letters are written and an impression of the look. $a \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{a^n b}$. This text should contain all letters of the alphabet and it should be written in of the original language. $d\Omega = \sin \vartheta d\vartheta d\varphi$. There is no need for special contents, but the length of words should match the language.

Heading on level 4 (paragraph) Hello, here is some text without a meaning. This text should show what a printed text will look like at this place. $\sin^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\beta) = 1$. If you read this text, you will get no information $E = mc^2$. Really? Is there no information? Is there a difference between this text and some nonsense like “Huardest gefburn”? Kjift – not at all! A blind text like this gives you information about the selected font, how the letters are written and an impression of the look. $\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$. This text should contain all letters of the alphabet and it should be written in of the original language. $\frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}}$. There is no need for special contents, but the length of words should match the language. $a \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{a^n b}$.

3.2. Lists

3.2.1. Example for list (itemize)

- First item in a list
- Second item in a list
- Third item in a list

- Fourth item in a list
- Fifth item in a list

Example for list (4*itemize)

- First item in a list
 - First item in a list
 - * First item in a list
 - First item in a list
 - Second item in a list
 - * Second item in a list
 - Second item in a list
- Second item in a list

3.2.2. Example for list (enumerate)

1. First item in a list
2. Second item in a list
3. Third item in a list
4. Fourth item in a list
5. Fifth item in a list

Example for list (4*enumerate)

1. First item in a list
 - a) First item in a list
 - i. First item in a list
 - A. First item in a list
 - B. Second item in a list

3. Heading on level 0 (chapter)

ii. Second item in a list

b) Second item in a list

2. Second item in a list

3.2.3. Example for list (description)

First item in a list

Second item in a list

Third item in a list

Fourth item in a list

Fifth item in a list

Example for list (4*description)

First item in a list

First item in a list

First item in a list

First item in a list

Second item in a list

Second item in a list

Second item in a list

Second item in a list

Chapter 4

Conclusion

Hier bitte einen kurzen Durchgang durch die Arbeit.

Future Work

...und anschließend einen Ausblick

Appendix A

LaTeX-Tipps

A.1. File-Encoding und Unterstützung von Umlauten

Die Vorlage wurde 2010 auf UTF-8 umgestellt. Alle neueren Editoren sollten damit keine Schwierigkeiten haben.

A.2. Zitate

Referenzen werden mittels `\cite[key]` gesetzt. Beispiel: `[WSPA]` oder mit Autorenangabe: `WSPA`.

Der folgende Satz demonstriert 1. die Großschreibung von Autorennamen am Satzanfang, 2. die richtige Zitation unter Verwendung von Autorennamen und der Referenz, 3. dass die Autorennamen ein Hyperlink auf das Literaturverzeichnis sind sowie 4. dass in dem Literaturverzeichnis der Namenspräfix “van der” von “Wil M. P. van der Aalst” steht. **RVvdA2016** präsentieren eine Studie über die Effektivität von Workflow-Management-Systemen.

Der folgende Satz demonstriert, dass man mittels `label` in einem Bibliographie=Eintrag den Textteil des generierten Labels überschreiben kann, aber das Jahr und die Eindeutigkeit noch von biber generiert wird. Die Apache ODE Engine [**ApacheODE**] ist eine Workflow-Maschine, die BPEL-Prozesse zuverlässig ausführt.

Wörter am besten mittels `\enquote{...}` “einschließen”, dann werden die richtigen Anführungszeichen verwendet.

Beim Erstellen der Bibtex-Datei wird empfohlen darauf zu achten, dass die DOI aufgeführt wird.

Listing A.1 `lstlisting` in einer Listings-Umgebung, damit das Listing durch Balken abgetrennt ist

```
<listing name="second sample">
  <content>not interesting</content>
</listing>
```

A.3. Mathematische Formeln

Mathematische Formeln kann man *so* setzen. `symbols-a4.pdf` (zu finden auf <http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/symbols/comprehensive/symbols-a4.pdf>) enthält eine Liste der unter LaTeX direkt verfügbaren Symbole. Z. B. \mathbb{N} für die Menge der natürlichen Zahlen. Für eine vollständige Dokumentation für mathematischen Formelsatz sollte die Dokumentation zu `amsmath`, <ftp://ftp.ams.org/pub/tex/doc/amsmath/> gelesen werden.

Folgende Gleichung erhält keine Nummer, da `\equation*` verwendet wurde.

$$x = y$$

Die Gleichung A.1 erhält eine Nummer:

(A.1) $x = y$

Eine ausführliche Anleitung zum Mathematikmodus von LaTeX findet sich in <http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/help/Catalogue/entries/voss-mathmode.html>.

A.4. Quellcode

Listing A.1 zeigt, wie man Programmlistings einbindet. Mittels `\lstinputlisting` kann man den Inhalt direkt aus Dateien lesen.

Quellcode im `<listing />` ist auch möglich.

A.5. Abbildungen

Die Figure A.1 und A.2 sind für das Verständnis dieses Dokuments wichtig. Im Anhang zeigt Figure A.4 on page 21 erneut die komplette Choreographie.

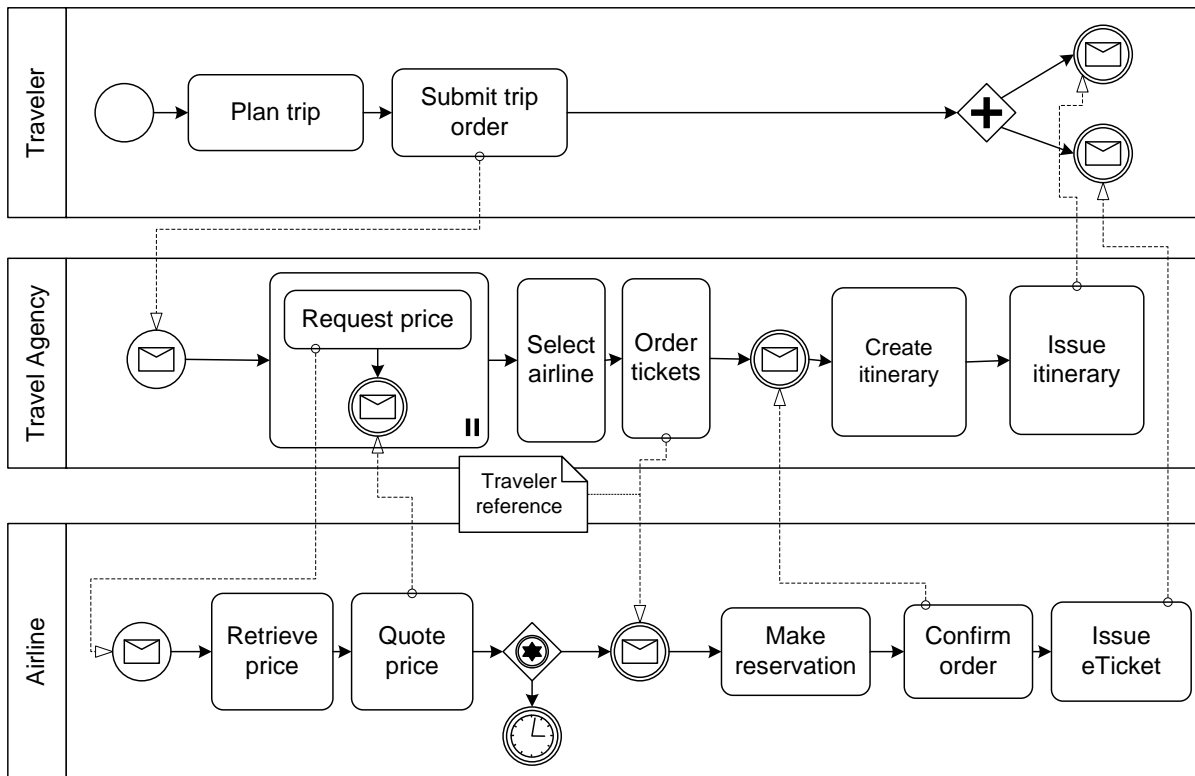


Figure A.1.: Beispiel-Choreographie

Das SVG in ?? ist direkt eingebunden, während der Text im SVG in ?? mittels pdflatex gesetzt ist.

Falls man die Graphiken sehen möchte, muss inkscape im PATH sein und im Tex-Quelltext `\iffalse` und `\iftrue` auskommentiert sein.

A.6. Tabellen

Table A.1 zeigt Ergebnisse und die Table A.1 zeigt wie numerische Daten in einer Tabelle repräsentiert werden können.

A.7. Pseudocode

Algorithm A.1 zeigt einen Beispielalgorithmus.

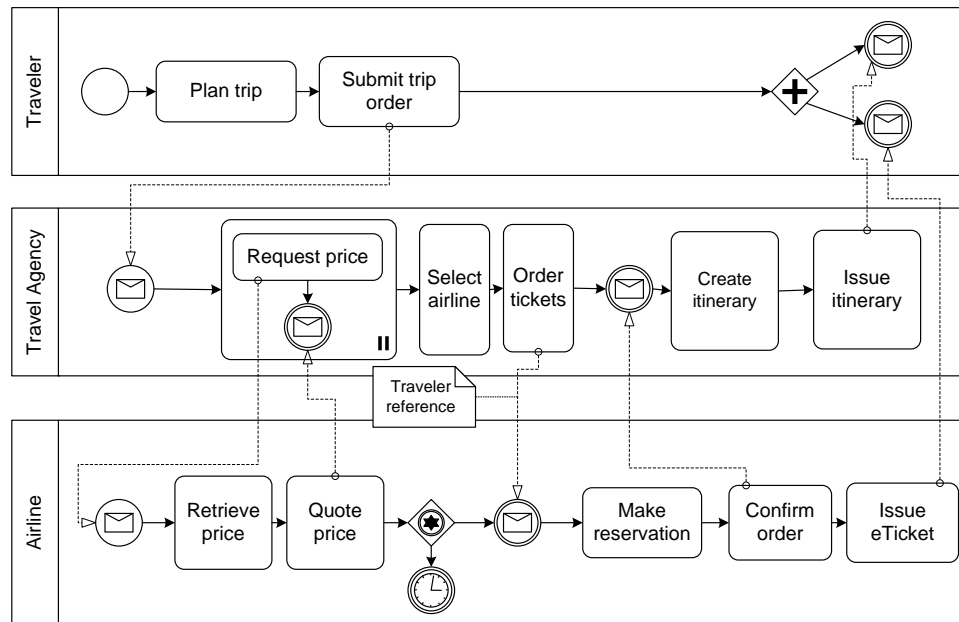


Figure A.2.: Die Beispiel-Choreographie. Nun etwas kleiner, damit \textwidth demonstriert wird. Und auch die Verwendung von alternativen Bildunterschriften für das Verzeichnis der Abbildungen. Letzteres ist allerdings nur Bedingt zu empfehlen, denn wer liest schon so viel Text unter einem Bild? Oder ist es einfach nur Stilsache?

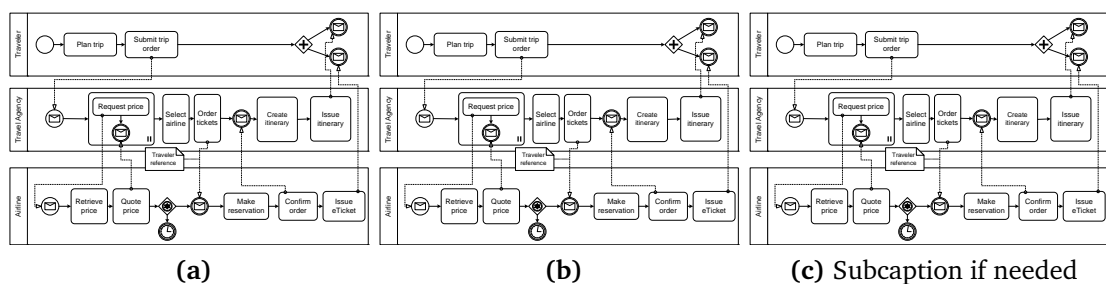


Figure A.3.: Beispiel um 3 Abbildung nebeneinander zu stellen nur jedes einzeln referenzieren zu können. Abbildung A.3b ist die mittlere Abbildung.

zusammengefasst		Titel
Tabelle	wie	in
tabsatz.pdf	empfohlen	gesetzt
Beispiel	ein schönes Beispiel für die Verwendung von “multirow”	

Table A.1.: Beispieltabelle – siehe <http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/german/tabsatz/>

Bedingungen	Parameter 1		Parameter 2		Parameter 3		Parameter 4	
	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
W	1.1	5.55	6.66	.01				
X	22.22	0.0	77.5	.1				
Y	333.3	.1	11.11	.05				
Z	4444.44	77.77	14.06	.3				

Table A.2.: Beispieltabelle für 4 Bedingungen (W-Z) mit jeweils 4 Parameters mit (M und SD). Hinweis: immer die selbe anzahl an Nachkommastellen angeben.

Algorithmus A.1 Sample algorithm

```

procedure SAMPLE( $a, v_e$ )
  parentHandled  $\leftarrow (a = \text{process}) \vee \text{visited}(a'), (a', c, a) \in \text{HR}$ 
  //  $(a', c'a) \in \text{HR}$  denotes that  $a'$  is the parent of  $a$ 
  if parentHandled  $\wedge (\mathcal{L}_{in}(a) = \emptyset \vee \forall l \in \mathcal{L}_{in}(a) : \text{visited}(l))$  then
    visited( $a$ )  $\leftarrow$  true
    writeso( $a, v_e$ )  $\leftarrow$   $\begin{cases} \text{joinLinks}(a, v_e) & |\mathcal{L}_{in}(a)| > 0 \\ \text{writes}_o(p, v_e) & \exists p : (p, c, a) \in \text{HR} \\ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, false) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 
    if  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{basic}$  then
      HANDLEBASICACTIVITY( $a, v_e$ )
    else if  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{flow}$  then
      HANDLEFLOW( $a, v_e$ )
    else if  $a = \text{process}$  then // Directly handle the contained activity
      HANDLEACTIVITY( $a', v_e$ ),  $(a, \perp, a') \in \text{HR}$ 
      writes•( $a$ )  $\leftarrow$  writes•( $a'$ )
    end if
    for all  $l \in \mathcal{L}_{out}(a)$  do
      HANDLELINK( $l, v_e$ )
    end for
  end if
end procedure

```

Und wer einen Algorithmus schreiben möchte, der über mehrere Seiten geht, der kann das nur mit folgendem **üblen** Hack tun:

Algorithmus A.2 Description

code goes here
test2

A.8. Abkürzungen

Beim ersten Durchlauf betrug die Fehlerrate (FR) 5. Beim zweiten Durchlauf war die FR 3.

Mit `\ac{...}` können Abkürzungen eingebaut werden, beim ersten aufrufen wird die lange Form eingesetzt. Beim wiederholten Verwenden von `\ac{...}` wird automatisch die kurz Form angezeigt. Außerdem wird die Abkürzung automatisch in die Abkürzungsliste eingefügt.

Definiert werden Abkürzungen in der Datei *ausarbeitung.tex* im Abschnitt ‘%%%% acro’ mithilfe von `\DeclareAcronym{...}{...}`.

Mehr infos unter: http://mirror.hmc.edu/ctan/macros/latex/contrib/acro/acro_en.pdf

A.9. Verweise

Für weit entfernte Abschnitte ist “varioref” zu empfehlen: “Siehe Appendix A.3 on page 14”. Das Kommando `\vref` funktioniert ähnlich wie `\cref` mit dem Unterschied, dass zusätzlich ein Verweis auf die Seite hinzugefügt wird. `vref`: “Appendix A.1 on page 13”, `cref`: “Appendix A.1”, `ref`: “A.1”.

Falls “varioref” Schwierigkeiten macht, dann kann man stattdessen “cref” verwenden. Dies erzeugt auch das Wort “Abschnitt” automatisch: Appendix A.3. Das geht auch für Abbildungen usw. Im Englischen bitte `\Cref{...}` (mit großen “C” am Anfang) verwenden.

A.10. Definitionen

Definition A.10.1 (Title)

Definition Text

Definition A.10.1 zeigt ...

A.11. Verschiedenes

KAPITÄLCHEN werden schön gesperrt...

- I. Man kann auch die Nummerierung dank paralist kompakt halten
- II. und auf eine andere Nummerierung umstellen

A.12. Weitere Illustrationen

Abbildungen A.4 und A.5 zeigen zwei Choreographien, die den Sachverhalt weiter erläutern sollen. Die zweite Abbildung ist um 90 Grad gedreht, um das Paket rotating zu demonstrieren.



Figure A.4.: Beispiel-Choreographie I

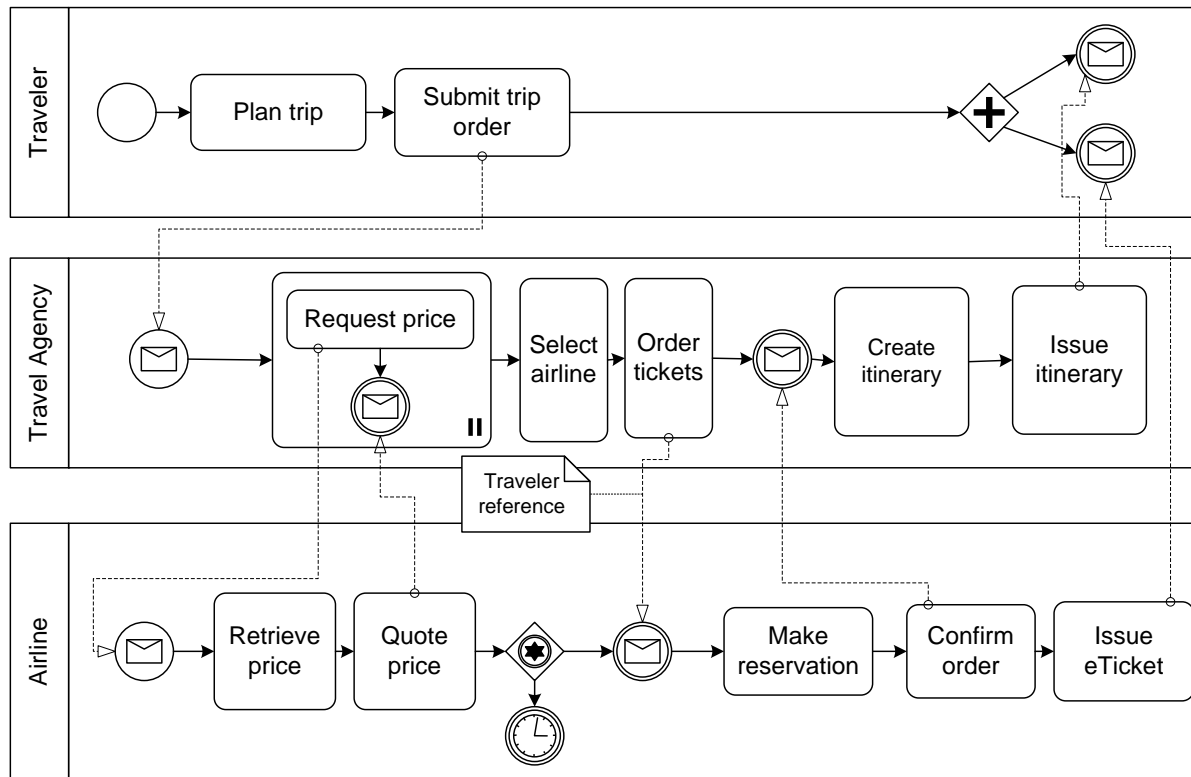


Figure A.5.: Beispiel-Choreographie II

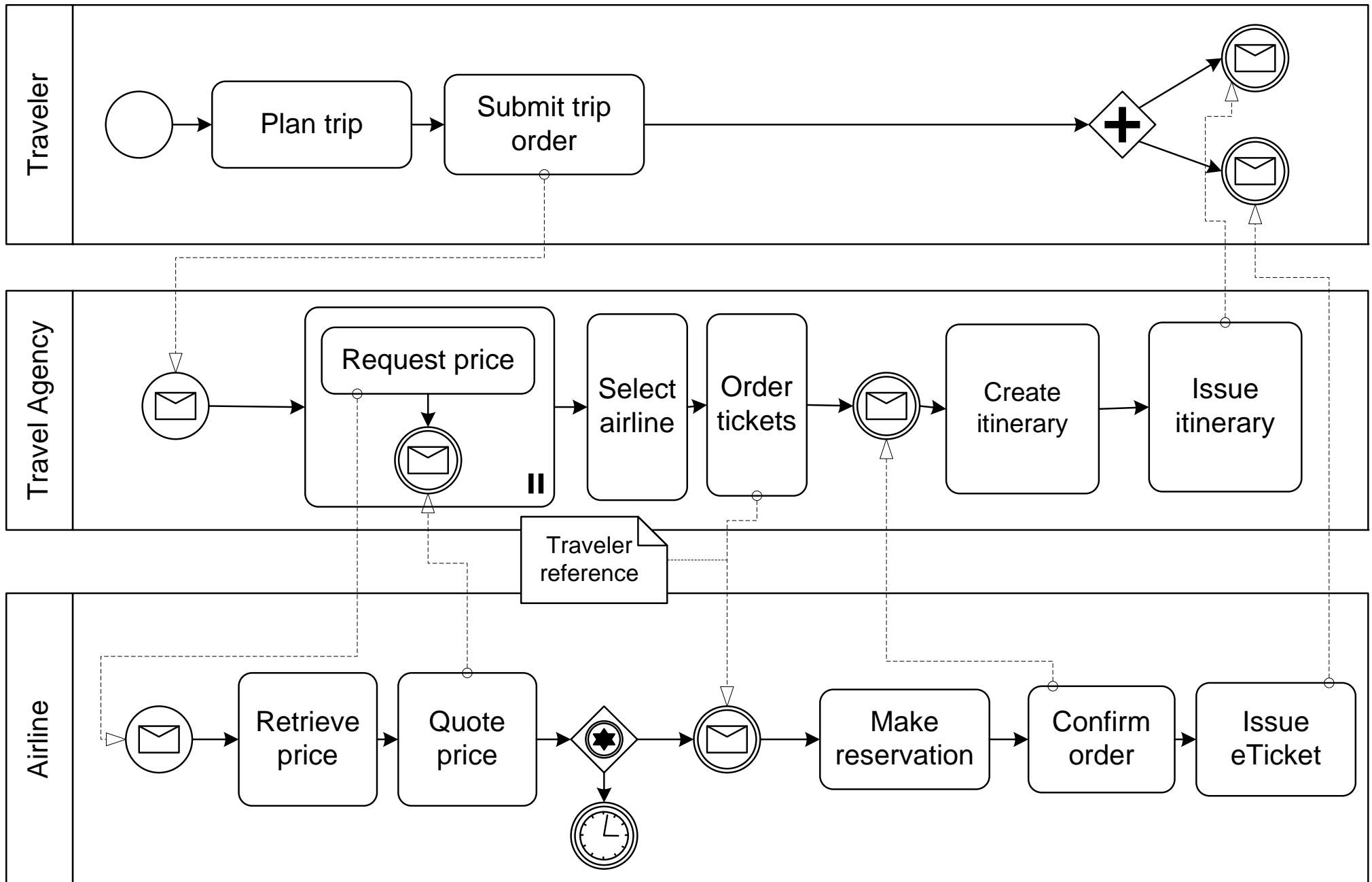


Figure A.6.: Beispiel-Choreographie, auf einer weißen Seite gezeigt wird und über die definierten Seitenränder herausragt

A.13. Schlusswort

Verbesserungsvorschläge für diese Vorlage sind immer willkommen. Bitte bei github ein Ticket eintragen (<https://github.com/latextemplates/uni-stuttgart-computer-science-template/issues>).

All links were last followed on March 17, 2008.

Declaration

I hereby declare that the work presented in this thesis is entirely my own and that I did not use any other sources and references than the listed ones. I have marked all direct or indirect statements from other sources contained therein as quotations. Neither this work nor significant parts of it were part of another examination procedure. I have not published this work in whole or in part before. The electronic copy is consistent with all submitted copies.

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